WESTFIELD BOARD OF HEALTH WESTFIELD, NEW JERSEY 07090

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2020.

Pursuant to the rules of the Board of Health of the Town of Westfield, NJ, a meeting was called to order at 5:02 PM on Monday, September 14, 2020. The meeting was held via Zoom, with all members and public attending virtually. The statement of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act was read.

ROLL CALL:

Lawrence Budnick, MD, MPH Andrea Marcus, PhD Elizabeth Talmont, APN Sharon Dorry, RN Brenden Bertsch Daniel Halevy, MD Steven Gorelick, PhD

Also Present:

Megan Avallone, MS, RN—Health Officer Helen Mendez, BS—Principal REHS/Assistant to the Health Officer Laura Scanlon, MS, RN—Public Health Nursing Supervisor Michael Dardia—Council Liaison

ABSENT:

Vasilios Diamantopoulos, MD

PUBLIC PORTION OF THE MEETING:

The public in attendance was allowed to ask COVID related questions for the Board and departmental staff to answer.

BOARD HEARING:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the August 3, 2020 meeting was approved on a motion by Ms. Dorry, seconded by Mr. Bertsch, and ordered filed.

CONSENT AGENDA REPORTS:

All reports were accepted and ordered filed.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Bills & Financial Reports for the months of August 2020 were submitted for approval. A motion to accept the bill list was made by Dr. Gorelick, seconded by Mr. Bertsch, and following Roll Call vote was taken:

Dr. Gorelick—Aye, Mr. Bertsch—Aye, Ms. McKelvey—Aye, Dr. Halevy—Aye, Ms. Dorry—Aye, Ms. Talmont—Aye, Dr. Marcus—Aye, Dr. Budnick—Aye

The record shall reflect unanimous consent for the August 2020 bills and Financial Reports.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ms. Avallone provided a COVID-19 update that included a review of the opening of schools, funding status for response activities and an update on vaccination clinics.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dr. Budnick presented BOH Resolution 10-2020, pandemic stipends for non-union staff.

A motion was made to accept BOH Resolution 10-2020 by Dr. Gorelick, seconded by Mr. Bertsch and the following Roll Call vote was taken:

Dr. Gorelick—Aye, Mr. Bertsch—Aye, Ms. McKelvey—Aye, Dr. Halevy—Aye, Ms. Dorry—Aye, Ms. Talmont—Aye, Dr. Marcus—Aye, Dr. Budnick—Aye

The record shall reflect unanimous consent for BOH Resolution 10-2020.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Ms. Avallone informed the Board that she is working with Union County to provide a free flu clinic to residents in Westfield. Ms. Avallone also discussed the department's new initiative on influenza vaccination, "Be seen by Halloween" which encourages all residents to get vaccinated for influenza by the end of October.

CLOSED SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Dr. Halevy, seconded by Ms. McKelvey, and unanimously approved by all members present to adjourn the meeting at 5:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Megan Avallone Board Secretary